

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A liquid concentrate preservative ~~which comprises,~~ comprising:

- a) 3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC);
- b) at least one liquid carrier; [[and]]
- c) at least one stabilizer; and
- d) polyhexamethylene biguanide, or a salt thereof,

wherein,

the weight ratio of said IPBC to said polyhexamethylene biguanide is from about 100:1 to about 1:100, and

no additional carboxylic acid chosen from benzoic acid, propionic acid, salicylic acid, sorbic acid, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, dehydroacetic acid, and 10-undecylenic acid, or the salts thereof, is present.

16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein ~~the weight of~~ said IPBC ~~comprises~~ is from about 0.01% to about 20% by weight of the ~~concentrate's weight~~ concentrate.

18. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 17, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ IPBC is up to about 5% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

19. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 18, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ IPBC is up to about 2% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

20. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 19, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ IPBC is up to about 1% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

21. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said liquid carrier comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) polyvalent alcohols;
- b) glycol esters; and
- c) glycol ethers.

22. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 21, wherein said polyvalent alcohol is at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) diol;
- b) glycol;
- c) ethylene glycol;
- d) 1,2-propylene glycol;
- e) 1,3-propylene glycol;
- f) 1,2-butylene glycol;

- g) 1,3-butylene glycol;
- h) 1,4-butylene glycol;
- i) 1,2-pentanediol;
- j) 1,3-pentanediol;
- k) 1,4-pentanediol;
- l) 1,5-pentanediol;
- m) glycol ester;
- n) glycol ether;
- o) ethylene glycol;
- p) propylene glycol;
- q) butylene glycol;
- r) diethylene glycol;
- s) triethylene glycol;
- t) polyethylene glycol;
- u) triethylene glycol; and
- v) 1,2-propylene glycol.

23. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said stabilizer comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) formic acid;
- b) formate salts;
- c) formate esters;
- d) sodium formate;
- e) potassium formate; and

f) formic acid propylene glycol mono-, diester, and formate esters formed in situ.

24. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 23, wherein said stabilizer consists of formic acid.

25. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein ~~the weight of~~ said stabilizer ~~comprises~~ is from about 0.001% to about 20% by weight of the ~~concentrate's weight~~ concentrate.

26. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 25, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ stabilizer is up to about 10% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

27. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 26, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ stabilizer is up to about 5% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

28. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 27, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ stabilizer is up to about 2% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

29. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 28, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ stabilizer is less than about 0.5% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

30. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 29, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ stabilizer is less than about 0.2% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

31. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 15, ~~wherein said concentrate further comprises~~ further

comprising:

a component selected from the group consisting of:

~~a) at least one active agent;~~

[[b)]] a) at least one functional additive;

[[c)]] b) at least one auxiliary; and

[[d)]] c) mixtures thereof.

32. (canceled)

33. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim [[32]] 15, wherein ~~the weight of~~ said polyhexamethylene biguanide active agent comprises is up to about 20% by weight of the ~~concentrate's weight~~ concentrate.

34. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 33, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ polyhexamethylene biguanide is up to about 5% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

35. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 34, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ polyhexamethylene biguanide is up to about 2% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

36. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 35, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ polyhexamethylene biguanide is up to about 1% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim [[37]] 15, wherein said weight ratio ranges from about 10:1 to about 1:10.

39. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim ~~[[38]]~~ 15, wherein said weight ratio ranges from about 1:2 to about 2:1.

40. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein ~~the weight of~~ said IPBC ~~comprises~~ is less than about 1% by weight of the ~~concentrate's weight~~ concentrate, and ~~wherein the weight of~~ said active agent ~~comprises~~ polyhexamethylene biguanide is less than about 1% by weight of the ~~concentrate's weight~~ concentrate.

41. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 40, wherein said ~~weight of~~ IPBC ~~comprises~~ is about 1% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight and ~~wherein said weight of active agent comprises~~ polyhexamethylene biguanide is less than about 1% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

42. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 41, wherein said ~~weight of~~ IPBC ~~comprises~~ is about 1% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight and ~~wherein said weight of active agent comprises~~ polyhexamethylene biguanide is about 0.95% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

43. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 42, wherein said ~~weight of~~ IPBC ~~comprises~~ is less than about 1% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight and ~~wherein said weight of active agent comprises~~ polyhexamethylene biguanide is about 0.95% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

44. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 15, ~~wherein said concentrate further comprises~~ comprising:

~~d) at least one active agent;~~

[[e)]] (d) at least one functional additive; and

[[f)]] (e) absent an auxiliary.

45. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said auxiliary comprises water.

46. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 45, wherein ~~the weight of~~ said water ~~comprises~~ is from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the ~~concentrate's weight~~ concentrate.

47. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 46, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ water is up to about 5% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

48. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 47, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ water is up to about 4.5% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

49. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 48, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ water is up to about 4% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

50. (currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 49, wherein said ~~weight comprises~~ water is up to about 0.2% ~~of the concentrate's~~ by weight.

51. (withdrawn-currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 31, ~~wherein said active agent comprises~~

further comprising a paraben.

52. (withdrawn) The concentrate according to Claim 51, wherein said paraben is selected from the group consisting of: methyl-, ethyl-, propyl- and butylparaben.

53. (withdrawn-currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 31, ~~wherein said active agent comprises~~ further comprising: a quaternary ammonium compound.

54-56. (canceled)

57. (withdrawn-currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 31, ~~wherein said active agent comprises~~ further comprising: a halogen compound.

58. (withdrawn) The concentrate according to Claim 57, wherein said halogen compound is dibromodicyanobutane (DBDCB).

59. (withdrawn-currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 31, ~~wherein said active agent comprises~~ further comprising: an amidine compound.

60. (withdrawn) The concentrate according to Claim 59, wherein said amidine compound is at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) hexamidine;
- b) dibromohexamidine; and
- c) the salts thereof.

61. (withdrawn-currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 31, ~~wherein said active agent comprises~~ further comprising: isothiazolone.

62. (withdrawn-currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 61, wherein said isothiazolone is one of N-methylisothiazolone ~~or~~ and N-octylisothiazolone.

63. (withdrawn-currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 31, ~~wherein said active agent comprises~~ further comprising: at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) paraben;
- b) quaternary ammonium compound;
- c) benzalkonium salt;
- d) formaldehyde or a formaldehyde-depositing compound
or a salt thereof;
- e) phenoxyethanol;
- f) phenoxypropanol;
- g) benzyl alcohol;
- [[d)]] h) halogen compound;
- [[e)]] i) amidine compound; and
- [[f)]] j) isothiazolone[[,]].

64. (withdrawn) The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said paraben comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of: methyl-, ethyl-, propyl-, and butylparaben.

65-66. (canceled)

67. (withdrawn) The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said halogen compound is dibromodicyanobutane (DBDCB).

68. (withdrawn) The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said amidine compound, is at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) hexamidine;
- b) dibromohexamidine; and
- c) the salts thereof.

69. (withdrawn-currently amended) The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said isothiazolone is one of N-methylisothiazolone, ~~or~~ and N-octylisothiazolone.

70. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein a process for the preparation of a concentrate comprises mixing constituents of the concentrate.

71. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 70, wherein said mixture is subsequently held after mixing for about 0.5 hour to about 48 hours at a temperature from about 30°C to about 70°C.

72. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 71, wherein said temperature ranges from about 30°C to about 60°C.

73. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 72, wherein said temperature ranges from about 30°C to 50°C.

74. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said concentrate may be utilized for the preparation of cosmetic and pharmaceutical products.

75. (previously presented) The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said concentrate may be utilized for the preservation of cosmetic and pharmaceutical products.

76. (withdrawn-new) The concentrate according to Claim 31, further comprising a benzalkonium salt.

77. (withdrawn-new) concentrate according to Claim 76, wherein said salt is benzalkonium chloride.

78. (withdrawn-new) The concentrate according to Claim 31, further comprising: formaldehyde or a formaldehyde-depositing compound or a salt thereof.

79. (withdrawn-new) The concentrate according to Claim 78, wherein said formaldehyde-depositing compound is at least one component selected from the group consisting of: dimethyloldimethylhydantoin (DMDMH), imidazolidinylurea, diazolidinylurea, hexetidine, 5-bromo-5-nitro-1,3-dioxane (bronidox), 2-bromo-2-nitro-1,3-propanediol (bronopol), 1,3,5,7-tetraazaadamantane (hexamethylenetetramine), 4,4-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine, benzyl alcohol hemiformal, 5-ethyl-1-aza-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3,3.0]octane, and 1-(3-chloroallyl)-3,5,7-triaza-1-azoniaadamantane chloride.

80. (withdrawn-new) The concentrate according to Claim 31, further comprising: at least one of phenoxyethanol, phenoxypropanol, and benzyl alcohol.

81. (withdrawn-new) The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said benzalkonium salt is benzalkonium chloride.

82. (withdrawn-new) The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said formaldehyde-depositing compound is at least one component selected from the group consisting of: dimethyloldimethylhydantoin (DMDMH), imidazolidinylurea, diazolidinylurea, hexetidine, 5-bromo-5-nitro-1,3-dioxane (bronidox), 2-bromo-2-nitro-1,3-propanediol (bronopol), 1,3,5,7-tetraazaadamantane (hexamethylenetetramine), 4,4-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine, benzyl alcohol hemiformal, 5-ethyl-1-aza-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3,3.0]octane, and 1-(3-chloroallyl)-3,5,7-triaza-1-azoniaadamantane chloride.